



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 727**

February Session, 2014

House Resolution No. 13

*House of Representatives, May 1, 2014*

The House Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. FOX, G. of the 146th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the resolution ought to be adopted.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STIPULATION AND ORDER OF SETTLEMENT IN PAUL SHAFER AND JOSHUA HARDER V. RODERICK BREMBY.**

Resolved by this House:

- 1 That the provisions of the stipulation and order of settlement in the
- 2 action Paul Shafer and Joshua Harder v. Roderick Bremby, United
- 3 States District Court, District of Connecticut, Civil Action No. 3:12-cv-
- 4 00039 (AWT), dated March 28, 2014, requiring an expenditure from the
- 5 General Fund budget in excess of two million five hundred thousand
- 6 dollars and submitted by the Attorney General to this Assembly for
- 7 approval in accordance with section 3-125a of the general statutes, are
- 8 approved.

**JUD**      *House Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

### **OFA Fiscal Note**

#### **State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 14</b>	<b>FY 15 \$</b>	<b>FY 16 \$</b>
Comptroller - Adjudicated Claims Account	GF - Cost	320,000	None	None
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	None	At Least 1.7 million	At Least 2.4 million
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits <sup>1</sup>	GF - Cost	None	622,200	896,214
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Revenue Gain	None	At Least 1.2 million	At Least 1.7 million

**Municipal Impact:** None

#### **Explanation**

The resolution will result in a cost to the state of \$320,000 in FY 14, approximately \$2.3 million in FY 15, and \$3.3 million in FY 16 to implement the provisions of the underlying settlement agreement. The \$320,000 is anticipated to be expended out of the Adjudicated Claims account to cover the plaintiffs' attorneys' fees and costs as required by the settlement agreement. The FY 15 and FY 16 costs to the Department of Social Services (DSS) and the State Comptroller Fringe Benefits accounts (OSC) are related to an additional 35 positions required to carry out the application processing requirements of the agreement. It is anticipated the additional personnel costs will be

<sup>1</sup>The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 36.66% of payroll in FY 15 and FY 16. The FY 16 fringe benefit costs for additional personnel assumes a 3% General Wage Increase and a 3% Annual Increase effective January 1<sup>st</sup>.

eligible for 50% federal reimbursement and will result in a revenue gain of at least \$1.2 million in FY 15 and \$1.7 in FY 16. sHB 5030, the revised FY 15 budget, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, provides \$1,158,256 in appropriations to DSS and OSC for 17 additional personnel.

***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation. The terms of the settlement terminate on July 1, 2017. It is anticipated the additional personnel hired to comply with the terms of the agreement would remain on staff at DSS after the termination of the agreement.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Resolutions.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

House Favorable

Yea 31 Nay 0 (04/25/2014)